

## Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEL AV 01788 01 OF 02 261517Z

53

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEAE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 SAM-01 SAB-01 SAJ-01 IO-10

ACDA-10 OMB-01 AID-05 TRSE-00 /078 W  
----- 112145

O R 261426Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6055

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 TEL AVIV 1788

E O 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, IS, XF

SUBJECT: ISRAELI PRESS ON ISRAELI-US RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: ISRAELI PRESS CONTINUES TO ANALYZE IMPLICATIONS FOR US-ISRAELI RELATIONS OF SUSPENSION OF NEGOTIATIONS. IN ADDITION TO COMMENTARIES, AFTERNOON PRESS CARRY LENGTHLY INTERVIEWS WITH PRIMIN RABIN AND DEFMIN PERES WHICH FOCUS HEAVILY ON FUTURE US-ISRAELI RELATIONS AND EXPRESS HOPE THAT "FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING" BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL SURVIVE PRESENT CRISIS. NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORT ON CURRENT EFFORTS TO EXPLAIN ISRAELI CASE TO AMERICAN PUBLIC. END SUMMARY

2. HAARETZ (GOLAN) IN A FRONTPAGE STORY DESCRIBES "KISSINGER'S BEHAVIOR" DURING THE TALKS, ALLEGING THAT HE "BEHAVED LIKE A GUILTY MAN WHO HAD LOST HIS COOL... THIS TOOK FORM OF CRUDE THREATS AND UNWILLINGNESS TO LISTEN TO THE ISRAELI OBJECTIONS WHICH HE DISMISSED IMPATIENTLY  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEL AV 01788 01 OF 02 261517Z

WITH THE REMARK THAT THE ALTERNATIVE WAS WORSE..."

GOLAN ADDS THAT " IN JERUSALEM, ONE INCREASINGLY HEARS DOUBTS ABOUT THE WISDOM OF THE RESTRAINED LINE ISRAEL HAS CHOSEN TO TAKE IN REACTING TO KISSINGER'S STATEMENTS AND TO THE WASHINGTON LINE REFLECTED IN THE FORD MESSAGE. IT IS WIDELY FELT ISRAEL SHOULD UNDERTAKE A COUNTER-OFFENSIVE AND STRESS THAT KISSINGER PRESSED FOR ACCEPTING VIRTUALLY EVERY DEMAND SADAT MADE... THE GOVT HAS NOT YET DECIDED HOW TO REACT TO WASHINGTON'S POSITION. PRESUMABLY, JERUSALEM IS WAITING TO SEE HOW THE SIATUION IN WASHINGTON DEVELOPS..."

3. BARNEA (DAVAR) ON FRONTPAGE WRITES " ISRAEL YESTERDAY CALLED FOR A RESUMPTION OF THE US DIPLOMATIC INITIATIVE, BUT KISSINGER MADE CLEAR THAT HE SAW NO CHANCE OF REAL ACTIVITY TO SEEK AN ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE MEETING OF THE GENEVA CONF. THE COMMENT OF AN AUTHORITATIVE ADMINISTRATION SOURCE WAS : ". THE ISRAEL GOVT TOOK ITS DECISION AFTER LONG CONSIDERATION AND IN AWARENESS OF THE RESULTS. FAILING A CHANGE IN THE ISRAELI OUTLOOK OR IN THE EGYPTIAN OUTLOOK ON THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT,THERE IS NO CHANCE WHATSOEVER THAT KISSINGER WILL MAKE ANY MEDIATION EFFORT." SEVERAL SOURCES CLAIMED THAT PRESIDENT FORD WAS EVEN ANGRIER THAN KISSINGER ABOUT ISRAEL'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE EGYPTIAN PROPOSALS. THE PRESIDENT FEARS REPERCUSSIONS AFFECTING HIS POLITICAL PROSPECTS AND OTHER ADMINISTRATION PROBLEMS... ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS EXPECT THE DECISION ON AID FOR ISRAEL TO BE FAR FROM THE ORDER OF MAGNITUDE OF THE REQUESTED 2.5 BILLION DOLLARS. AT ONE POINT, IT WAS THOUGHT THE ADMINISTRATION WOULD ASK CONGRESS FOR A LITTLE MORE THAN 2 BILLION DOLLARS, BUT NOW THE AMOUNT WILL APPARENTLY BE LESS.

4. DAVAR (ESHED) SPECULATES ON FUTURE PEACE MOVES AND ANALYSES ROLE WHICH US MAY PLAN. " AT THIS VERY MOMENT THE KEY TO ALL DEVELOPMENTS IS IN WASHINGTON'S HANDS. THIS IS " A MOMENT OF TRUTH" FOR THE REAL RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL AND THE US DESIRE TO CONTINUE PLAYING AN ACTIVE ROLE IN THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT, IN ACCORDANCE

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TEL AV 01788 01 OF 02 261517Z

WITH TRADITIONAL US POLICY... IT IS A MOMENT OF TRUTH NOT ONLY FOR THE US ADMINISTRATION, BUT ALSO FOR ISRAEL'S FRIENDS IN CONGRESS, WHO WILL NOW HAVE TO FACE A DISAPPOINTED ADMINISTRATION AND OTHER CONGRESSMEN WHO WILL NOW VOICE THEIR FEELINGS AGAINST ISRAEL WITH LESS INHIBITIONS. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ISRAEL IS NOW INVOLVED IN A FATEFUL CAMPAIGN... ISRAEL MUST GET IMMEDIATELY ORGANIZED FOR THE STAGE OF "HALTING" THE POSSIBLE EROSION

IN US SUPPORT OF ISRAEL, AND FOR THE STAGE THAT COMES IMMEDIATELY AFTER IT - GOING TO GENEVA."

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 TEL AV 01788 02 OF 02 261526Z

53

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 NEAE-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 USIE-00 INRE-00

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02 INR-07 L-02 NSAE-00 NSC-05

PA-02 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15 SAM-01 SAB-01 SAJ-01 IO-10

ACDA-10 OMB-01 AID-05 TRSE-00 /078 W

----- 112280

O R 261426Z MAR 75

FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6056

INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMEMBASSY BEIRUT

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMCONSUL JERUSALEM

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 TEL AVIV 1788

5. ANOTHER COMMENTARY FROM DAVAR'S WASHINGTON BARNEA DEALS WITH THE EXPECTED "EROSION TOWARDS ISRAEL" AND THE INABILITY OF THE ISRAELI EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON TO CONDUCT THE POLITICAL STRUGGLE WHICH LIES AHEAD." THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT AROUSED A WAVE OF COMMENTARIES, WHICH ATTRIBUTED TO HIM THE INTENTION TO CHANGE, OR THE THREAT TO CHANGE, US POLICY OF AID TO ISRAEL... IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A FIRST SIGN OF PREPARING THE GROUND FOR A PRACTICAL CHANGE IN US POLICY. AS ANOTHER WELL-KNOWN MAN IN THE WHITE HOUSE PUT IT: THE PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENT WAS A HINT THAT THE US HAS DECIDED TO STOP BEING ISRAEL'S FOSTER-MOTHER... THE GOVT IN JERUSALEM HAS DECIDED TO SAY "NO" TO THE US - AND FROM NOW ON IT WILL HAVE TO STAND ON ITS OWN FEET. AFTER THE "RE-ASSESSMENT" IT IS NO LONGER ASSURED OF AUTOMATIC US BACKING OR A PRIORI APPROVAL OF ITS

SECURITY AND ECONOMIC DEMANDS... IN OTHER WORDS, THE  
POLITICAL EROSION TOWARDS ISRAEL, WHICH KISSINGER TALKED  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 TEL AV 01788 02 OF 02 261526Z

SO MUCH ABOUT SINCE THE (YOM KIPPUR) WAR, IS NOW LIKELY  
TO TAKE WING. KISSINGER SAID THAT THERE WON'T BE ANY  
"PUNITIVE ACTION" FOLLOWING THE BREAKDOWN OF THE TALKS,  
BUT THERE WILL BE A "REASSESSMENT"... THIS, OF  
COURSE, REQUIRES A RE-ASSESSMENT ON OUR SIDE AS WELL...  
THE EXPLANATORY (PR) WORK THAT AWAITS US FOLLOWING THE  
BREAKDOWN OF THE NEGOTIATIONS IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT  
AND COMPLICATED STRUGGLES WE HAVE EVER KNOWN... OUR  
ENEMY IN THAT STRUGGLE - AND WE  
HAD BETTER NOT DECEIVE OURSELVES - IS THE ADMINISTRATION.  
THE ADMINISTRATION HAS CREATED, THROUGH THE MOUTH OF  
KISSINGER, THE THEORY OF ISRAEL'S GUILT, AND THE  
ADMINISTRATION IS NOW THREATENING (PERHAPS HALF-  
HEARTEDLY) TO DECREASE ITS SUPPORT OF ISRAEL. THIS IS OUR  
PROBLEM, NOT EGYPTIAN PROPAGANDA, WHOSE CHANCES OF CONVINCING  
THE AMERICANS ARE RATHER SMALL".

6. IN EXTENSIVE YEDIOT AHARONOT INTERVIEWS, PM RABIN  
DEALT WITH VARIETY OF TOPICS RELATED TO SUSPENSION OF TALKS.  
IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION RE "DEEP PUBLIC CONCERN"  
OVER US-ISRAEL RELATIONS AND WAYS TO PREVENT ITS  
DETERIORATION RABIN SAID: " THE MAIN PROBLEM NOW  
IS THAT THERE ARE THOSE WHO ACT, INTENTIONALLY  
OR UNINTENTIONALLY, TO HARM RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL AND  
THE US. I REFER ALSO TO THE MEDIA. THE PUBLICATION  
OF PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE TO GOI IS A GOOD EXAMPLE...  
IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR THE US PRESIDENT AND THE  
ISRAELI PRIMIN TO EXCHANGE MESSAGES AND  
LETTERS DURING A PERIOD OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY OR  
SECURITY TENSION... I WANT TO STATE THAT WHAT WAS PUBLISHED  
ABOUT PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE WAS INACCURATE,  
EXAGGERATED AND OUT OF CONTEXT... IT WAS AN IRRESPONSIBLE  
ACT... A SCANDAL'\* I FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CHOOSE WORDS TO  
DESCRIBE THE DAMAGE THAT THIS PUBLICATION HAS DONE TO  
US-ISRAEL RELATIONS..." PM RABIN DESCRIBED  
KISSINGER AS " A MAN WITH RARE TALENT, AN UNUSUAL  
TALENT FOR OVERALL CONCEPTUAL GRASP ON THE ONE HAND AND  
SHARP SOBER PRAGMATISM ON THE OTHER HAND..."

7. MAARIV CARRIES A LONG INTERVIEW WITH DEFMIN PERES ALSO  
CONTAINING REFERENCES TO US-ISRAEL RELATIONS. ON US AID  
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 TEL AV 01788 02 OF 02 261526Z

TO ISRAEL: "... US HAS SO FAR KEPT ALL ITS PROMISES TO US...  
IN SPITE OF THE PRESENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND US,  
I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE US WILL GO BACK ON ITS PROMIES..."  
ASKED ABOUT INFLUENCES OF SOUTHEAST ASIA EVENTS ON US MID EAST  
POLICY PERES SAID : "DURING THE 199 YEARS OF ITS EXISTENCE I  
CANNOT RECALL AN INSTANCE IN WHICH THE US HAS TURNED ITS BACK ON  
ITS FRIEND."  
KEATING

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** PRESS COMMENTS, FOREIGN RELATIONS, ARBITRATION, NEGOTIATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 26 MAR 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** n/a  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** n/a  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:**  
**Disposition Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975TELAV01788  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750105-0809  
**From:** TEL AVIV  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750312/aaaaakkl.tel  
**Line Count:** 232  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 5  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** woolflhd  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 03 JUL 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <03 JUL 2003 by leeperne>; APPROVED <06 JAN 2004 by woolflhd>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
05 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** ISRAELI PRESS ON ISRAELI-US RELATIONS  
**TAGS:** PFOR, IS, XF  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006